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CANADIAN LAW STUDENTS CONVERGE ON QUEBEC

DJ LYNDE (1L) & MARTHA PEDEN (2L)

Law students from sea to sea gathered to discuss Canadian constitutional issues at a conference hosted in Quebec City by the McGill and Laval University Faculties of Law. Six delegates represented each Canadian law school. The University of Alberta delegates were Yuk-Sing Cheng (3L), Amy Martin-LeBlanc (3L), Daina Young (3L), Balqees Mihirig (2L), Martha Peden (2L) and D.J. Lynde (1L) pictured above along with University of Calgary Professor Tom Flanagan and former New Brunswick premier and counsel to McCarthy Tétrault counsel Bernard Lord. To be chosen as a delegate, applicants were asked to write a cover letter to demonstrate their interest in constitutional law and outline what, in their opinion, is the biggest constitutional challenge facing Canada today.

The adventure began at 4 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, to fly across Canada to the historic city of Quebec, which celebrates 400 years of existence in 2008. Conference organizers put together seven different panels that included such noteworthy individuals as Tom Flanagan (Senior Campaign Advisor for Prime Minister Stephen Harper), June McCue (Professor of Aboriginal Law at UBC) and Patrick Monahan (Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School). Topics included Aboriginal self-governance, asymmetrical federalism, senate reform, and the contractual aspects of the Canadian Constitution. On Friday and Saturday, students attended these panels and had the opportunity to ask questions.

The initiative to bring together law students from across the country to discuss the Constitution was commendable. However, there seemed to be a focus on the constitutional debates of the 1980s relating to Quebec, and it appeared to lack any twenty-first century relevance in terms of the environment, redistribution of the population, the fiscal imbalance, and provincial autonomy over natural resources. This was a sentiment D.J. discussed with Tom Flanagan during part of his flight back to Alberta. The conference also included many of the figures from the patriation debates of the constitution, rather than the current figures and debates.

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This Quebec-centrist agenda was best illustrated in the final panel entitled *the Realpolitik of Constitutional Change*. This was the liveliest of all the panels, as there was an explosive exchange between former Quebec premier Bernard Landry and the Rt. Hon. Jean Chrétien's former chief of staff Eddie Goldenberg. Landry quoted former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau as saying, "This constitution will last 1,000 years," which Landry said Trudeau drew inspiration from "one of the most horrible people of Western history and I don't need to say his name." Goldenberg was the final speaker and he accused Landry of drawing a parallel between Trudeau and Hitler, which he said was disgusting and demanded Landry's apology to the Trudeau family. Goldenberg continued his lecture by making spiteful remarks about Landry, the failure of separatism, and the two referendums. He concluded his speech by referring to Landry's leadership review of 2003 by stating: "as Mr. Landry found out, even 76% is not enough to win a referendum." Landry fumed from Goldenberg's remarks, and demanded to clarify his comments about Trudeau. Unfortunately, this aside between two men involved in the 1981 patriation negotiations overshadowed Marylou McPhedran's remarkable revisionist history of the grassroots movement in November 1981 to include equality rights for women in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. McPhedran, one of the few Western Canadian panelists at the conference, is currently the Chief Commissioner of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission.

Students had the opportunity to discuss the concepts that they encountered at the conference in student workshops on Saturday afternoon. Among the students there was a general consensus that the constitutional issues discussed were of the past. For example, an important constitutional challenge facing Canada today is the delicate balance between the environmental movement and provincial autonomy regarding natural resources. In the Merv Leitch, Q.C. Memorial Lecture, former Alberta premier Peter Lougheed stated that this issue "would be the toughest question I could think of that the Supreme Court of Canada could face" in response to a question relating to carbon tax proposals. However, this issue – or any other environmental issue – was not on the conference agenda. In addition, whereas Lougheed unequivocally asserted that federalism was "working," Quebecois panelists and attendees argued, just as affirmatively, that it was not. One conference participant, who was a recent graduate of Laval law school and a current intern at the National Assembly (the Quebec Legislature), cited federal encroachment into provincial jurisdictions of health care and education as a problem with federalism.

Overall, the U of A delegates were grateful for the opportunity to learn about the Quebec perspective on constitutional law and history, and to explore Quebec City. Perhaps more than anything, we valued the opportunity to experience the Quebec legal system, and developed a keen appreciation for the provincial motto "Je me souviens" (I remember).

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Rum & Resolutions Don't Mix

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Every year about this time, it seems that I am forced to take a serious look at my life and reevaluate. Where am I succeeding? What could use improvement? What new things are to be explored? Looking back, December was a cruel time of year. The days were getting shorter while contemporaneously becoming agonizingly longer. Shortened hours of daylight and elongated periods of studying made for a depressing month. After exams I was left feeling like an emotional and physical wreck. Perhaps it was the staggering lack of exercise, the caffeine overdoses, the incessant ingestion of Pizza 73, or the continuous headaches from cramming that left me in a defeated state. Whatever the cause, I swore that this semester would be different. I would be different. A new and improved Sheena would take the school by storm.

Enter the New Year's Resolution. While universally popular, I feel that they hold a special status among students. New Year, new semester. The pressure to improve is two fold.

This year, following a semester in which I somehow managed to refrain from getting scurvy, (despite cooking a mere single meal at home and throwing most of my rotting vegetables in the garbage) I was determined to make a better effort to cook. In previous years, cooking meant heating up pirogies or spreading Nutella on bagels, but this year I meant business. Full on Martha Stewart meals, easy on the insider trading, of course.

The problem with starting anything new is that it is terrifying. Grocery stores with their multiple aisles and strange system of organization pose a cryptic challenge for a newcomer. Don't get me wrong, I understand the basic layout, fresh things on the outer walls, frozen and packaged on the inside. You have to remember, however, that I am not just making your average student meal here. I bought a cookbook. What this means is that "weird" ingredients are needed. My first trip to Safeway lasted about 1.5 hours as I mulled through the isles looking for rice vinegar, buttermilk, hoisin sauce, and bay leaves.

Despite these initial fears and a few minor set backs (dumping flour all over the floor, severely under cooking rice, and putting in way too many chilies) I have done quite well for myself. The same goes for my resolution to go to the gym more. I am even (gasp) reading for some of my courses already. Before you start rolling your eyes and begin thinking that this article exists for the sole purposes of talking myself up (which of course wouldn't be uncharacteristic of me) read a few more lines.

My final, and most trying, resolution was to stay sober until Carbolic. Think about it: one and a half months without being drunk. *In law school.* I was doing very well for the first month or so, even isolating most of my social network for fear that they might induce a relapse with their hedonic drinking ways. On Friday nights, I read books for fun, watched poker, and found many other sober ways to amuse myself. Cutting off friends was easy. Turning down a free meal and night out on career day, not so much.

We have all heard of the proverbial lure of the big law firm, I am living proof that it exists. The gold company credit card was too much for me to resist. All it took was one flash and I tumbled down the rabbit hole. One drink over dinner became two, which multiplied into a double at the bar, which was exponentially increased by shooters.

Perhaps if this was the end of my debauchery I could still feel a sense of pride or achievement in the fact that I had only drank once before Carbolic. After all, nobody is perfect. The problem with people like me is that we do not do something half-assed, we go full on. I mean really, if I was going to break a resolution it might as well be shattered. This was an easy feat. A trip to the Ivory Club on Saturday night, and draft beer and hot dogs at the rugby Super Bowl party confirmed the fact that my resolution was as good as dead.

What's the *ratio descendi* of this story? Don't agree to write a New Year's article for *Canons of Construction*. They will get you when you are keen and then publish your failures for the school to see. It is, after all, February when everyone else is realizing that their resolution is slowly crumbling to pieces. Someone has to provide solace to those dangling one foot into the rabbit hole. But before you jump in head first, throw in my microwave dinner and pass me a beer, it's much too cold out to make that trek to the gym!

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Small Firms

Pat Neil (Faculty)

We have just held our very successful Career Day, which was attended by nearly 50 law firms and government offices from across Alberta and British Columbia. It was a great opportunity to meet the lawyers from the firms as well as those from all levels of government. The day was long and exhausting for those of you who tried to meet them all, so it may seem unfathomable to some to tell you that you have met only a small fraction of firms that exist in both of these provinces.

To help you find out more about these other firms and their practice, your Career Services Office plans a seminar on 'Opportunities Outside Edmonton and Calgary' (March 13) and a Small Firm Career Fair (March 20) at the Law School which is open to all law students. As students, you do not hear much about the smaller firms in the larger cities or the firms in the smaller centres as their practice is very busy and they often do not have the resources to commit to hiring a firm recruiter to do that promotion. As well, their business is based mostly on 'word-of-mouth', and often they do not have a web site or firm brochure. The only way to find out more about them is to ask around, call, or visit them.

Despite the lack of self-promotion by small firms at the law schools, there are some very good opportunities out there for students. Small firms all over Alberta, British Columbia, and the rest of Canada are looking for students. Many of them find themselves in the situation where partners are coming to an age where they are thinking about succession and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to pass their established and lucrative practices along to the next generation. Most of these firms were not present at Career Day, but it is well worth the effort to seek them out. There are many benefits to working at a small firm. For example, it is a wonderful environment to get hands-on experience with clients and control over entire files relatively quickly. Advancement at the firm can often proceed at a relatively faster pace. Moreover, these firms are very busy and can offer a great article with competitive remuneration. In most cases, these firms provide an excellent work/life balance.

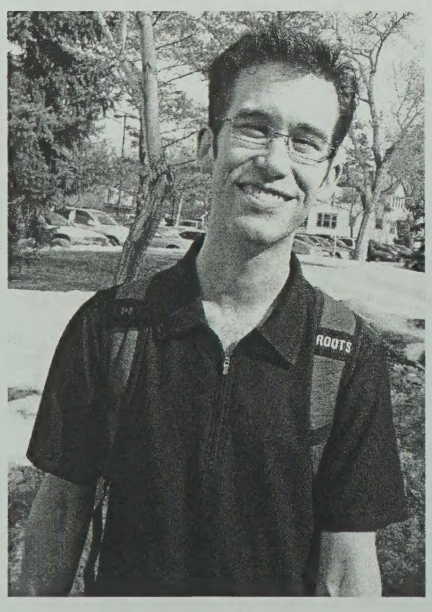
A couple of former graduates of this law school have provided the following input into their experience searching for an article at a smaller firm and their experience working at their firm.

Please attend the seminar on Opportunities outside of Edmonton and Calgary and Small Firm Career Fair if:

1) You are not sure if a small firm environment would be a 'fit' for you;
2) You want to check out possibilities for the distant future as you already have your article
3) You are in third year and are seeking an article.

Off the Beaten Path

Ryan MacFarlane (3L)



I put a good deal of effort into hunting for a good firm outside of the large centers. I had both good and bad experiences with firms along the way. The firm that I accepted in the Lakeland area was posted through the Career Services Website and sounded like what I was interested in terms of a firm. I asked around about the general area and both friends and family sung its praises. When I went up for a visit, the firm rolled out the red carpet for me and just generally made me feel welcome. They were real people who took the time to talk to me and answer my questions. I never felt like just another number, or nameless face, rather that they were actually interested. The bottom line is that when there is a fit with a firm the fit should be evident to you as well. Best of luck to anyone hunting for an article, particularly to those hunting for articles slightly off the beaten path.

Small Town Firm

CHRISTINE PALMER
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Working in a small firm, in a smaller centre, has been a very rewarding experience. Within the first two hours of my article I was in a client meeting with my principal and was assigned the task of drafting a commercial lease. I have since had a very broad, hands-on experience in many areas of law including real estate, corporate/commercial, wills and estates, criminal, and family law. Within a very short time I had my own files, with my own clients. I have stayed on with my firm past my article and continue to have amazing support from my principal.

Another huge bonus of small town life is that I do have a life. I am able to participate in numerous community activities, such as choir and curling, as well as volunteer with various organizations in town.

Applying to a small firm requires more legwork than the large firms as you need to contact them directly to see if they would be interested in looking at your resume. This involves numerous cold calls and some driving time if you are looking outside of the city. You may not initially make as much money as you would at a large firm, however, the balance that you are likely to achieve, and the immediate interactions with real people can definitely counteract any difference in pay.

For those interested in an alternative to the big city articles, I strongly recommend trying out the smaller markets, best of luck!

The Benefits of Smaller Firms

Timonthy J. Burnham

I am a recent graduate of the U of A Law School, and grew up living and working in Edmonton. Prior to entering Law School I spent several years working in downtown Edmonton. In June of 2006 I began Articling at Gurevitch Headon & Associates in Grande Prairie. It is a small general practice law firm of 4 lawyers (including myself).

There are many reasons why I thoroughly enjoy my practice of law in a smaller firm outside of Edmonton or Calgary. The following is not exhaustive, but just a sample of the benefits of smaller firms. First and foremost, it takes me less than 5 minutes to get to work. I have a nice house, in a nice neighborhood, and spend very little time driving. That means I can put in a good day at the office and still be home relatively early to spend time with my family.

I also enjoy the control I have over my practice. From the start I was given the ability to choose the type of files and clients I want to work with. This is very important in terms of job satisfaction. I also get to work my files from start to finish. This is also very satisfying because I can see the end result and be part of the solution.

I also get to maintain close client contact. This has also helped me to develop my own client base very quickly. I have not spent a penny or a minute on marketing. Grande Prairie is very busy and I have more referrals from past clients and other lawyers than I can reasonably handle. As a result, I routinely turn work down. This allows me to be somewhat choosey on the files I take.

I also really enjoy the close working relationship I have with the partners of our firm. There is no one monitoring my billable hours except me. The job is already stressful enough without having to worry about meeting partner expectations. In terms of compensation I am earning roughly the same salary as would be expected at a mid-sized firm in Edmonton, however the price of housing is much less than Edmonton (although we pay more at the pump).

Overall I am very happy with my decision to move to Grande Prairie and practice law here. If there are any questions I can be reached at tburnham@grandeprairielaw.ca.

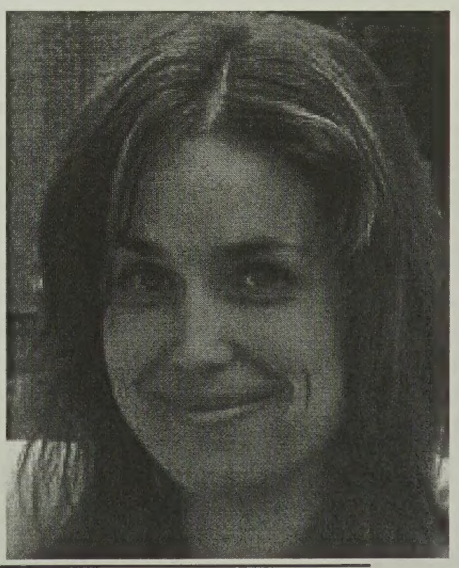
L.L.B. Couples: The other Joint Degree

Summer Lane (2L)

Valentine's Day and the extensive coverage of the U.S. Presidential candidate nomination process; what do these things have in common? Nothing, other than they both have me thinking about relationships. The most compelling relationship in the nomination race has to be the erstwhile Presidential pairing of Bill and Hill, but on the redder side of things (or bluer, if you ask Ann Coulter) the McCain's are Perez Hilton-worthy too. From what I've googled, their almost 20-year age difference and her rodeo queen pedigree are just the tip of the iceberg. The obvious observation is: because running for President isn't easy, it's a good idea to have a telegenic spouse close at hand. Even better if said spouse can take to the microphone and offer some choice words on your behalf, as required. But considering Bill's recent characterization of Obama's campaign as the biggest fairy-tale he's ever seen, and Cindy McCain's admission in a San Diego magazine that "I've never been a political person", my advice would be to just keep smiling and waving guys.

So, how does this glib commentary relate to the life of a law student? *Prima facie*, it doesn't, but I think I can stitch it together if you stick with me for a minute. Quick question, (Stephen Colbert-style): how many of you singles out there thought you'd come to law school, meet your soul mate and ride off into the sunset clause? Be honest. Putting my faith in the reliability of law gossip brings me to the conclusion that although *ad hoc* law hookups are alive and well, few are destined for the altar. Which is too bad, because where better to meet a potential future spouse who has honed their public speaking skills in the 1L moot, who will stand by your side (or just slightly behind you, but still within the TV frame) when you make that eventual bid for the Provincial P.C. leadership? Ok, if politics isn't in your future, wouldn't it be ideal to at least end up with someone who understands how pathologically nerdy your jokes about the rule against perpetuities are?

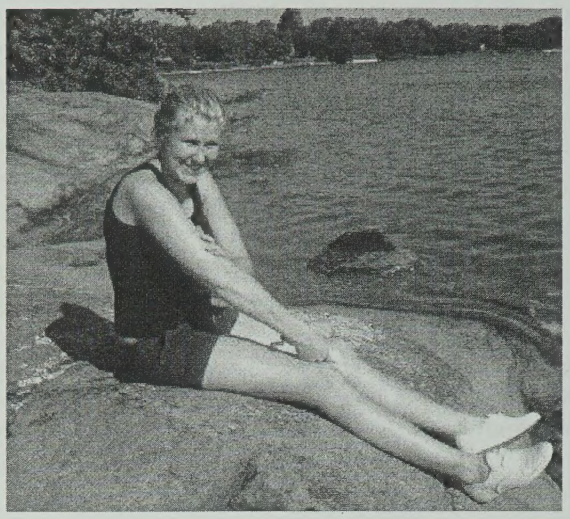
Don't be sad; it's not entirely your fault that you probably won't marry a fellow law student. There are some major sources of static getting in the way. In no particular order, these are SNAILS, "bromance", and the law itself. Its easy to understand how SNAILS are a problem (and not only because they're the root of all evil) but here's the elegant reasoning: if law students aren't marrying other law students, they're obviously marrying SNAILS. Boom. Next problem is "bromance". This is the male equivalent of the B.F.F., except with more staying power. Chances are you've seen "bromance" around the law building, and if you haven't, one place to find it is at the foosball table at lunch. This brings us to the last problem, which is the law itself, and in particular, decisions of the Supreme Court. These judgments are so long that if you're not relying on your CANS and are actually reading these behemoths, you are probably saving time elsewhere by forgoing make-up, the gym, or basics of personal hygiene, such as regular bathing, rather than completing all on a daily basis. Not hard to see how this impedes your chances of finding someone to marry you. While these are powerful forces, behold a possible antidote: the Carbolic Smoke Ball. For those of you unfamiliar with this event, Carbolic is a semi-formal party, held in a hotel, on Valentine's Day. Sounds to me like someone out there is rooting for law couples after all...



A Semester Abroad

Sara Olsson (4L)

My first semester is now over, and I have gained many Canadian experiences. During my time here, I have been trying to live according to how I expect a "real" Canadian would. For instance I have been to the rodeo and watched American football (totally confusing rules AND I got a cold), went line-dancing (was not a star), and dressed up for Halloween. Guess you do stuff like this all the time…



So far I am satisfied with my months abroad. I really enjoy school here - I cannot tell if the school agrees - but I am crossing my fingers and hoping that I have passed my exams and assignments. I think one of the hardest things about being abroad is to gain a basic understanding of what is expected of you. It feels somewhat like starting from scratch, and reminds me of my very first day at law school. On the other hand, it provides the opportunity for new challenges and to meeting new people you otherwise would not have met. At home you have already established a network of friends who know you well and are similar to you, whereas as an exchange student, you are more open to all people who want to hang out with you. It is a new experience, but I quite like it. I have also made more fast friends with other exchange students from home than I otherwise would have. For example, in the first week of school, there were three Swedish boys I had only just met that I invited to sleep on my floor when they needed a place to stay. Speaking of my flat, I am also satisfied with my accommodations in HUB, even though I know that some express sympathy when I tell them I live there!

Something that I have noticed is that Swedes and Canadians are somewhat different when it comes to gender equality. I think - and please correct me if I am wrong - that we are a little bit more equal on that point in Sweden. What has really struck us Swedes is that girls at some clubs here really do not dress properly for the winter climate you have here. I mean I have seen girls working in bars here only wearing a bra and lace-panties, which I find to be crazy! I have also noticed girls dancing on podiums, the likes of which I have never seen at home. I guess it's possible that the exchange students somehow have ended up only at strange clubs! Furthermore, at home it is just as common for girls to pick up guys as the other way around. When we told some Canadian girls this they felt Sweden to be a scary country to live in!

I have to admit that I find Edmonton to be very cold, though you guys do not seem to have any problem with the cold as I still notice girls outside in pumps and flats. I am cold just watching you! I'm just waiting to come across a guy in flip-flops one of these days…

Another striking difference is the more liberal view of marijuana use here than at home. When we were in Sunshine and jumped on the gondola with four 15-year-old boys, it felt like we walked into big cloud, god can you be a passive smoker? In Sweden we prefer the Viking approach and stick to hard liquor!

Overall, I am really glad that I chose to come to Edmonton. I have had great experiences so far, and I hope to have many more!

Climate Action or Simply Hot Air

Max Carroll (2L)

The Premiers of all thirteen Provinces and Territories met in Vancouver on January 29th to form the Council of the Federation. The Council was created to present a united front consisting of the provincial and territorial governments. The goal of the conference was to find common ground on what is likely to be a very hot topic in the upcoming Alberta provincial election; climate change. All Canadian Premiers were present, save for one notable exception, Mr. Ed Stelmach.

The conference comes shortly after the announcement of Premier Stelmach's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 14% by 2050. By comparison, British Columbia has tabled a plan to reduce their emissions by 80% over the same period. Considering that Alberta is the largest contributor of greenhouse gases, we should be leading by example. Alberta's plan has been highly criticized for being too little, too late. In fact, the plan allows emissions to increase steadily until 2020. Another major sticking point is that the majority of the reductions are from carbon capture and storage. This involves creating large underground caverns where the carbon dioxide can be stored to prevent it from entering the atmosphere. The method of sequestering carbon dioxide emissions has been criticized by many as a temporary solution and one that does not address the real issues of climate change. Perhaps these are criticisms that our Premier was not prepared to address.

Not long ago, the provincial government refused to acknowledge the existence of climate change, so at least we can see the plan as a step in the right direction. The fact that Mr. Stelmach is unwilling to cooperate with the other provinces to find a solution is what is most concerning. By refusing to participate in the process, Alberta is showing that it once again is only concerned about itself.

Past experiences have shown that when the leaders of all provinces join forces and present a united front, they form a formidable political force. Since climate change is something that does not respect traditional political boundaries, it begs the question of whether the provincial level is the proper jurisdiction for such action. Conferences such as those held by The Council of the Federation allow the provinces to address issues such as climate change and develop a cohesive policy. When all of the provinces agree upon such a policy, it can become a very powerful influence on federal decision-making. In order to have this influence, it is essential that all thirteen premiers be in attendance. If Mr. Stelmach is unable to represent our province at these conferences, perhaps it is time we elect someone who is.

Just the Three of Us

Conor Smith (2L)

Growing up, those all-powerful agents of socialization tried their best to program the Canadian Relationship Model into my psyche. Family, schoolmates, teachers, media, and the state all seemed to be saying the same thing. I was to embrace an unrealistically sentimental notion of love, measure all my relationships according to it, get married, hopefully have children, and die. Heterosexuality and monogamy were assumed. Luckily, puberty gave me more than bad skin and voice issues; it gave me existential freedom. Once I questioned my heterosexuality, I was free to question the rest of it too.

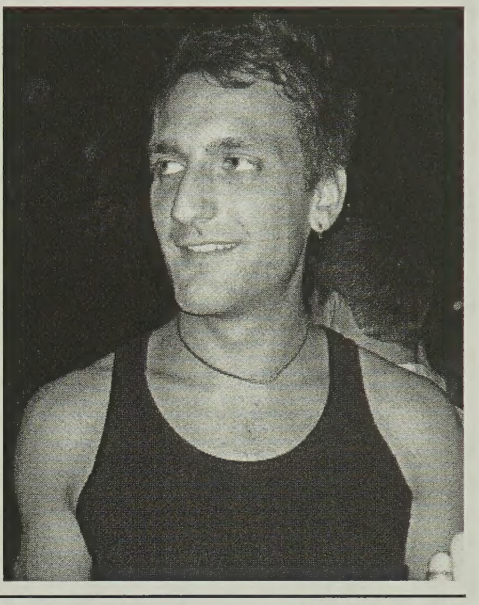
Recently, I've started using my freedom to consider pursuing a polyamorous relationship. Dictionary.com defines polyamory as "participation in multiple and simultaneous loving or sexual relationships." For my purposes, it would be both loving and sexual.

Here's a little background. Nour and I have been friends for a while. We are mutually attracted to each other and have some history. We've never dated because we've never been contemporaneously single. The other weekend I went out with Nour, his new-ish boyfriend Edward, and some others. After some drinks and conversation, the group had undergone a split. The three of us had become oblivious to the others and the temperature was rising. But my free mind wanted more than a threesome; I wanted two boyfriends damn it! Is that so much to ask?

First I had to figure out what exactly it was I wanted. The most fundamental thing to remember is that I'd be dating one couple consisting of two individuals and not two individuals that are part of a couple. My intentions are not to break them up and steal one away nor to create jealousy and tension between them. I have to see them as a unit. One-on-one time with either of them should be kept to a minimum. What I want to build is a dynamic that the three of us can share with each other and not two distinct ones.

I do, however, want them to have their own dynamic separate from the one they have with me. My attraction to them is heavily dependant on them being together. Physical and intellectual connection aside, it is the uncharted nature of the relationship: a romantic experience that we'd share with so few other people. It's the novelty of the arrangement that draws me to them.

I so rarely meet men that I want to be in a relationship with and finally that situation seems to be changing. It could be that I've met two guys I could be happy with on their own and they just happen to be dating. Or it could be that my brain has been so far removed from the Model, that I need something like polyamory to keep me interested. Some may say it can't work. It just doesn't make sense. Well at this point in my life, it makes as much sense as anything else. And as a free man, I'm willing to give it a try.

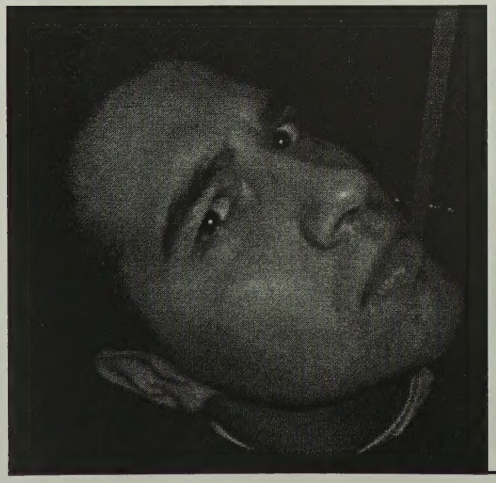


Brock's Words of Wisdom

Brock Roe (2L)

It was near the end of June 2006, and the Oilers were looking like they might actually win a Stanley Cup. Well, they didn't win (classic Oilers style)...but that event is used to give you some perspective on where you were at the time. After leaving my friends' house, where I watched the last game, I was hit by a car in a crosswalk along Jasper Ave. In the end I had 5 surgeries over the course of approximately 10 days, and my left leg was amputated below the knee. I spent the rest of the summer in the hospital and recovering at home.

In September 2006, I felt in the somewhat



unique position of being a victim, a complainant, and a junior law *scholar* (I use that term quite "loosely" of course). At the time I was just beginning to learn the basics of the roles of the offender and myself by participating in the criminal law process as a witness, and commencing a civil action against the defendant.

But why does this matter to you? I'll tell you how it affects you in three ways.

Firstly, it's still strange to dissect fact patterns from cases involving torts issues which involve someone losing some use of their own body, and then to discuss our findings with the rest of the class. I feel like raising my hand whenever I feel like the complainant never receives adequate compensation for their losses based on *Andrews*. Thus, when drawing up your heads of damages for your client and figuring out the numbers...exercise your empathy and utilize good, credible experts. The better you do this, the better you will do for your client (and for yourself...I refer to my last point).

Secondly, whenever an investigation into a criminal matter is bungled up and the evidence is excluded due to the investigatory process being performed completely wrong and the accused's 10(b) rights having been violated, I feel like screaming. In the matter involving the girl who hit me, the EPS accident-scene photos were not numbered when they were submitted to court...was this the first time the police submitted photos to court? Praise the lord for judges who let investigators number photos during a quick break. If you're defense counsel...well good for you if this happens. But if you're acting for the Crown...please communicate to the investigating officers (which I'm sure they are already aware) that their shoddy work does not really help the victims feel like their loss is worth anything to the state at all.

Thirdly, I probably understand a lot more intimately than all of you as to how much money it costs to retain good legal counsel. I mean, seriously folks...it's not cheap...it's not cheap at all (which is probably why so many of you came to law school...don't feel bad, it is why I came too). So when you're billing someone for your legal expertise, remember these two names Senator Mobina Jaffer...and Brock Roe. Actually just remember my name 'cause at least I still have credibility.

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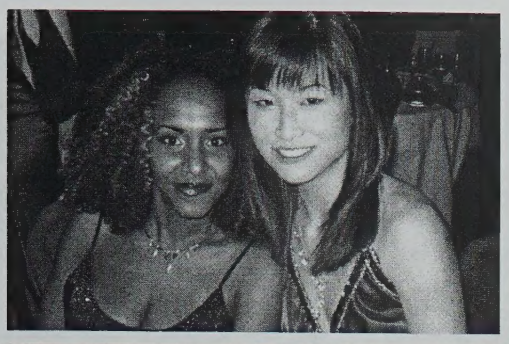

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My Right to Yell, My Right to Scream

Natasha Dubé (2L)

I have been receiving lots of flack in the past few weeks about my best of 2007 picks. Why is that you might be wondering? Apparently because I like the song "Umbrella". I am a friendly person by nature, but some things simply annoy me. Therefore, the theme of this month's column seemed blatantly obvious after these few incidents: pet peeves in the music industry. Enjoy!

1. I will admit it, I have a semi-closed mind about the music I listen to. I have not listened to terrestrial radio in years, minus the few occasions where my trusty iPod lets me down and dies while on a long Fredericton-Montréal road trip. While I might not like honky-tonk country, nor understand the appeal of Maroon 5, I won't judge a person based on their musical taste, nor would I think they are less cool because of a few "unpopular" musical selections. I do understand how listening to almost exclusively punk music on one hand clashes with songs like these, but when I am out at a bar with my girlfriends, I do not want to be hearing Joy Division or David Bowie on the speakers- that is my private music for my headphones!

2. Ticketmaster service charges: I would be hard pressed to think of anything that gets my blood boiling more than that at this point in my life. And while I would love to stage a massive protest against Ticketmaster one of these days by refusing to buy tickets online, am I really doing anything but depriving myself of a chance to see some awesome music or great hockey? Probably not. What does a big company like that need with an extra $10 from poor little me? Money, I should add, I do not get back in any circumstances, including the cancellation of my event. Maybe one day, law degree in hand, I will start a revolution against the machine. Until then, I suck it up.

3. While on the Ticketmaster theme, what is up with all these tickets going on sale for events that are almost a year away? Do not get me wrong, I am all about my fellow Francophone Céline Dion, but the Rexall show is in October 2008, there was no need to sell tickets this early. Do I know what I am doing in October in the next school year? Definitely not…I might have night class, I might have a job interview, who knows: NO ONE can plan that far in advance.

4. I wanted to end on my number one pet peeve for this article: wearing a particular band's shirt to their show. When you think about it, it is something rather insignificant, but it sure drives me nuts. Think about it for a second, if I am paying $70 to go see the Foo Fighters and Against Me! in March (which I did), I do not need to spend an extra $40 to get a t-shirt showing my love for the bands. Now I already own an Against Me! sweatshirt from a few years back, which will not be sported at the concert. There are only two reasons why wearing that band shirt is tolerable: a) you just bought it and really do not have a purse or even a jean pocket to stuff it in, or b) you are at an outdoor festival and the sun starts to

shine so hard your skin might peel off if you do not put it on. That is it. Take a concert as an opportunity to wear that other awesome band merch you purchased at a small gig the week before, and try to influence your friends to check out new bands via the new shirt.

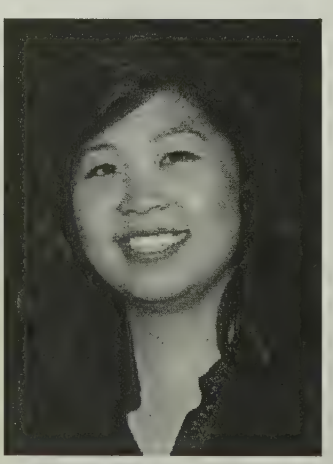
I am sure I missed a few pet peeves for this article, but there is only so much I can put in a 500 word article. Find me in the hallway to comment on the list, my loyal following of six readers usually does. Until then, musical recommendation of the week is anything that was not nominated for a Juno award. Seriously. They need to rethink that show. Listen to Man Man instead. And watch Oz on DVD, it is all the rage at the Uni Plaza right now!

AB Law Reviews Banquet a Resounding Success

Ellen Hong (2L)

This year's *Alberta Law Review* Banquet on February 5, 2008 at the Faculty Club was a smashing success. The evening began with students and members of the Edmonton legal profession enjoying cocktails and bidding for items in the Silent Auction. Notable items included Oilers' tickets, gift certificates to restaurants, and a "Romance Package" for the Fairmont Hotel MacDonald. Bidding was fierce, with a painting eventually going for over $300. The final tally raised by the Silent Auction was over $2250.

Master of Ceremonies, Elena Semenova, began the evening's program by introducing the new Co-Editors-In-Chief for 2008-2009, myself and Lora Lee. Current Co-Editors-In-Chief Amy Martin-LeBlanc and Terri Susan Zurbrigg then spoke about their year, thanking the members of the Editorial Board, the Faculty Advisors, and Lorie Huising, the *Alberta Law Review*'s indispensible



Administrator. Once the preliminaries were complete, attendees enjoyed the 3-course steak dinner.

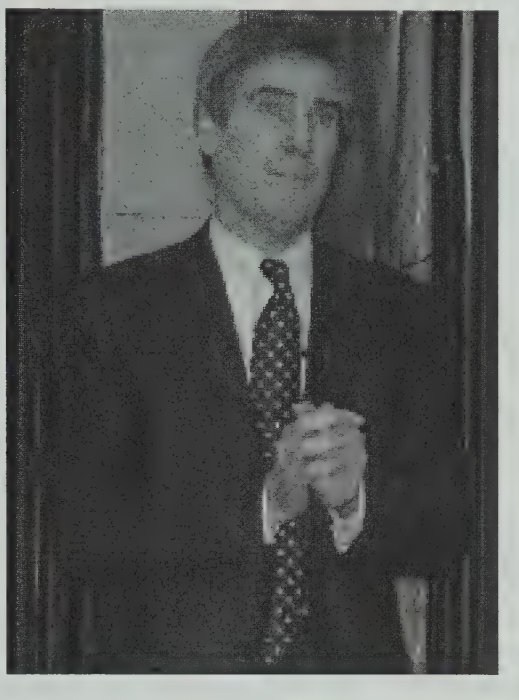
This year's keynote speaker, Madame Justice Sheila Greckol of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, challenged us to reflect on a current issue facing Canadian lawmakers – How do we embrace our multiculturalism, but ensure that our values of equality and freedom are upheld? She focused on gender equality as the most basic and important of all equality, noting that although we may differ in terms of cultural and religious identities, we all belong to a gender. She asserted that where gender inequality persists, there could be no hope of any other kind of equality. Our thanks to Madame Justice Greckol for her insightful talk.

The *Alberta Law Review* Banquet was a chance to celebrate the successes of the year, recognize the hard work of the Editorial Board, and reflect on the words of the keynote speaker. Special thanks to those on the Fundraising and Banquet Committees for planning and executing a wonderful event. I look forward to next year's banquet!

A Vision For the Future of Canada's Foreign Policy

Deborah Book (1L)

The signs outside read lecture full. Inside the McLennan Ross Hall people crammed in against the walls to listen to Michael Ignatieff on the final day of international week, for a noon hour lecture. In a talk called "Canada and the World: the challenges ahead", Ignatieff outlined his vision for the country's foreign policy in the years to come. According to Ignatieff, Canada matters in the global context and it is vital that we exert leadership outside our borders. He argued that we must defend, maintain, and enhance our sovereignty as a people, and back our values globally by acting and investing in ways reflective of our national ethic. He then turned to examine four key aspects of our foreign policy: sovereignty, economic relations, the military and diplomacy, and international assistance. Ignatieff stressed the importance of maintaining and defending our border without allowing the border too become a "choke chain", and restrict commercial and cultural exchange. Typically the discussion about the border centers on the southern frontier, however, Ignatieff also highlighted the growing importance of our Arctic borders and the emerging need for experts in Arctic International and Marine law so we can sit down and create a legal framework with our partners. In the economic sphere Ignatieff lauded the benefits of NAFTA for the Canadian economy, but also noted the need to ensure we still maintain a national economy. As the North – South connections in business become stronger, Ignatieff argued we must look to strengthen our East-West economic ties to ensure a strong national economy and prevent splintering of our national economic space. He also spoke of the need to keep our fiscal fundamentals sound, invest in youth, and diversify by looking to China, India, and other economies so we are less dependent on our neighbors to the South. Canada matters, our voice counts, because we are known to stand for what we believe in on the international stage. Ignatieff pointed to our entry into the World Wars, action on landmines, and provided support of this contention. He then argued that we must maintain a strong military capability to be used not for aggression or conquest, but where UN mandated in order to protect human beings. Here Ignatieff spoke passionately about the need to remember Rwanda, remember Romeo Dallaire and the Canadian soldiers who could do nothing but watch as people were chopped to death in front them daily. We must, according to Ignatieff, be willing to pay and make the commitment to have a significant military capability so that we can make a difference. At this point Ignatieff began a discussion of Canada's role in Afghanistan. While we don't know what success looks like in Afghanistan, which is troubling, Ignatieff referred to his first-hand experience of Taliban-ruled Afghanistan in 1997 to propose that we do know what failure looks like and that failure would be unacceptable. Finally, Ignatieff turned to our diplomatic role. He argued persuasively for the need to act and use our leverage. He stressed the need to explore ways of making CIDA more effective and improved means of exporting our expertise to improve political stability in troubled countries. Ignatieff argued that the key issue for the 21st century is not climate change, rather it's ensuring countries have the political systems and stability to be able to address vitally important issues like climate change. He pointed to multiculturalism as a strength of the nation, giving us a wealth of experience and international connection, but argued that we can do even more by making a year overseas a part of the Canadian education experience. In order to allow time for discussion Ignatieff ended his comments here. I had the distinct impression he could have continued for several hours offering the deep analysis and profound consideration that marked the lecture. In the question and answer section there was a robust exchange between Ignatieff and many audience members. He respectfully addressed each question, pausing to consider points raised and compose thoughtful answers. It was a return to academia for one of Canada's most recognized scholars and a convincing presentation of a vision for the future of Canadian foreign policy. For those unable to grab a seat on Friday I encourage you to try and catch Mr. Ignatieff another time, it will be time well spent.



Quotable Quotes

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"The law is not fair." -Professor Palmer commenting on the state of Corporate Law (2008)

"You can cut the sexual tension in the front row with a knife!" -Professor Goltz commenting on the flirting between Bryan Crozier and Stephanie Tsui during admin class (2008)

"I can feel the love!!! Can you feel the love? Especially if you know the theme song to Gilligan's Island! Was I talking about something?" -Professor Palmer's idea of clarity in Corporations (2008)

"*Stercus accidit* - it means shit happens. Google It."-Professor Brown giving some Latin lessons in class (2008)

"Wow Navid, I'm really impressed by your stamina!."- Summer Lane finally confirms her suspicions (2008)

"Yeah Robbie just talk dirty to me!" - Jimmy Sladek's idea of trash talk in foosball (2008)

"The tenderer is done like dinner, write that down, that is a legal concept." -Professor O'Byrne clarifying concepts in Contracts (2007)

"What do you want from me? I was drunk!" Professor Goltz reminiscing about his law school days (2008)

Beam me Up, Pocky?

Alice Wong (3L)

While trying to work off those holiday pounds by unabashedly doing calf raises when waiting in line outside Future Shop on Boxing Day, it struck me that law students could benefit from a great many inventions as yet unknown to mankind. By combining my Star Trek 101 technological expertise with the creativity borne of a gazillion hours of anime, I have come up with the following, to which I hereby claim all "patent-thinker-rights":

1. Butt-expansion prohibitor

Sitting in a car, library, class, interviews… all these situations involve the squishing of your umm…"bum-meat", during which time, its inability to grow outwards will naturally result in a sideways spread. For the sake of the world's visual and mental stability, I suggest the creation of portable seats with solid blocks fitted to either side of your 1L butt, thereby physically restraining further growth, much like Chinese foot-binding.

Downside: you may end up with a square rear and you look like a freak carrying around a butt-seat. Upside: you're no worse than the guy who whips out a butt-*doughnut* and proceeds to call it that.

2. Teleporter

While not a new idea, the ingenious advance in the teleporter technology described here involves using the body as fuel. That way, we would be saving the enviro by reducing petroleum dependence *and* it gives you another reason to stock up on those extra beer-calories. Everyone will get a special set of rings that allows them to program in how many taps equals which destination, which simultaneously one-ups the engineering folks' secret-society pinkie rings. Traffic jams, 7:50 am 5-min treks through the snow, and large airport officials with latex gloves will be a thing of the past.

Downside: Alberta's oil-fueled economy will go down the toilet. Upside: you can teleport somewhere else to find work.

3. USB-neurological port

Instead of reading hundreds of cases in order to discover that one sentence of ratio, the school can just plug the data directly into a little computer port in our heads, download it, and voilà! A walking body of law, able to spout off sub-sub-sub statutory sections in a second and apply them correctly to whatever facts necessary, so long as the correct synapses have been accurately established. Three years of schooling completed in a minute…or, if we're using wireless and sitting at the 7th desk on the second floor of the library next to the window facing Fine Arts and in front of the pillar near the clock, then maybe never.

Downside: essentially renders law school obsolete. Upside: essentially renders law school obsolete.

4. Telepathic interface

This awesome ability includes student-to-student (useful in exams), student-to-prof (also useful in exams) and lawyer-to-judges (dazzles clients and solves the problem of self-represented litigants). It can be carried out via some super-implant, (design/logistics unknown) or selective breeding and grooming of ESP-inclined individuals to become lawyers.

Downside: risk of access to potentially hilarious or disturbing inner thoughts depending on the individual. Upside: the Reading room will finally be truly quiet.

As you can see, too much free time has infused my inner geek with an unhealthy dose of lameness. Now, all I have to do is find myself an engineer/IP lawyer/Borg and I'm all set!

Don't be "That Guy"

Megan Fennell (1L)

We have all heard it: "The problem with lawyer jokes is that lawyers don't think that they are funny and nobody else thinks that they are jokes." The methods and mannerisms of lawyers have been just about as thoroughly mocked about as those of blondes and not necessarily without reason either. As a law student, however, one is placed in the particularly dangerous situation of not yet being qualified to be entirely insufferable while also spending a fair amount of time immersed in an environment where lawyerisms are regarded as the norm. Unfortunately, when you hit your twenty-something's, 'precocious' is no longer as cute a look as it was when you were little. Embrace the wannabe-lawyer mindset a little too tight and your behavior may be regarded as merely annoying.

Do you really want to have to make a brand new circle of friends that can stand to be around you? Honestly, who has that kind of time? With this in mind, allow me to suggest a few ways in which you can avoid living the cliché.

1. Learn to read body language. Take note of glazed looks and pained expressions in particular. These may indicate that you have been reflecting on legal principles (read: whining about your homework) longer than necessary. In extreme cases, twitchy hands reaching for your throat are a dead giveaway that a topic change is in order.

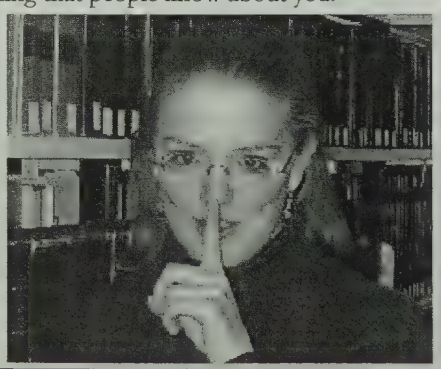
2. Resist the urge to play 'I Spy A Tort!' in polite company. Some people may view this as insensitive, especially if you have trouble reigning in your enthusiasm. ("Ooh! She'll take 'infliction of mental anguish' for 1000, Alex!") On the other hand, passing out those LSA business cards to the more litigation-inclined folk you encounter is perfectly acceptable. I believe they call that 'networking'.

3. Accept the fact that there is simply no way to 'casually' work your newly learned Latin phrases into everyday conversation. Stop trying. I honestly believe that the universe karmically smites us for these attempts by ensuring non-law students think that the phrase 'mooting partners' sounds unforgivably dirty.

4. Offering to decode the fine print on random signs and labels is not a nifty party trick. Neither will you win awe and admiration by smugly pointing out legal inaccuracies during episodes of 'Law & Order'. These attention-getting devices are generally on par with "Hey, everybody, watch me open this beer bottle with my teeth!", albeit without the incriminating photos and subsequent dental work.

5. Find yourself a copy of 'The Paper Chase' and look past the truly horrifying 70s hair to the real point of the story. Do you find yourself relating to that guy who everybody wants to smother with his own 800-page course notes before the end of the film? If so, a bit of self-reflection may be just the thing for you.

You are a law student, and that in itself is pretty fantastic, but don't let that be the *only* thing that people know about you!



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Rugby "Tour" in Las Vegas
Bryan Crozier (2L)

Although the rugby season is long over, the fun for the team has not ended. 20 brave souls from the rugby team headed to Las Vegas to battle with the plus 20 degree weather, liquor, and a whole lot of gambling. For the most part, both the liquor and the gambling won the battle… There's not much to say about a trip where everybody behaved well enough that their grandparents could have been watching. I prefer to say that we behaved like angels. More miles were walked along the strip than most forwards run in an entire season on the pitch. It was like a conditioning camp for next year when we play the Alumni's team. Some day in the future, we may even play a game down there in Vegas… but it's not likely. We watched a UNLV Basketball game while we were down there, and I think it suffices to say that athletes like those boys just don't hold a candle to your Law School Rugby boys. We are in far better condition, and are superior athletes… or something like that. I hope everyone took good notes for those who went on the trip, and were especially nice to the boys when they got back. After all, we did take this trip for the glory of the school, to represent our law school in another country! We "took one for the team!" Don't worry; we would have made you all very proud of us down there.

Hockey Night in Law
Robbie McCulloch (2L)

On Thursday, January 31st, Hockey Night in Law took place at the Clare Drake Arena. This was the first time that all three of our law school hockey teams played in the same evening. With the stands filled with cheering fans (and a CD player!) the girls team 'Swift Justice' took to the ice first. Although the game had a strong start, the girls came up short, and ultimately lost. The Tortfeasors took to the ice next in a much-anticipated game. The game was a close, hard hitting affair, and remained tied until the final minutes of the third period. With less than one minute remaining, the Tortfeasors captain, Drew Broughton, stepped up and buried the game winning goal. For the final game, the Litigators took to the ice. The game was chippy and arguably poorly refereed. Fighting through a barrage of penalties, the Litigators managed to pull out a tie. Looking back, Hockey Night in Law was a great success for our law school. It was a night where players and fans alike supported each other; the players provided the entertainment, while the fans booed the other teams…and at times the referees!

Networking on Ice

Adriene Shapka (2L)

Most law students know that the golf course and the rugby pitch are good places to rub shoulders with potential future employers. But where should one go when both are covered with a foot or so of snow in the winter? As I learned this year, the curling rink – more specifically, the Granite Curling Club – is the place to network when the temperature drops below zero.

The Granite hosts the Edmonton Lawyers League, and the teams of local lawyers and justices are generous enough to subsidize a student team from the law school each year. I was lucky enough to join forces with Ryan Sharp, Chris Heisler, and Rose Greenwood to represent the curling talent from our beloved faculty this season. Curling in the league has been a blast so far – we've had some great games, heard some questionable stories about our professors and gotten advice about entering the legal profession.

But "why curling?" you may ask. Isn't it a boring sport for old men in funny sweaters who like to yell a lot? Strangely enough, curlers and law students share a number of characteristics. So ignore the "you never forget your first time between the sheets" commercials the Canadian Curling Federation runs on CBC (to clarify, the individual ice surface a curling game is played on is called a "sheet"). Bad puns aren't necessary to describe why you should give curling a try.

1. Curlers, like law students, enjoy a good beer. While most competitive curlers would like to dispel the stereotype that all curlers are giant boozehounds (this may have been true back in the days of corn brooms and homemade curling sweaters), curling is a social sport and generally involves a drink or two after a game.

2. Like legalese, curling terminology appeals to the elitist in all of us. If you enjoy throwing out the odd Latin maxim to impress your non-law friends, you'll love explaining what you mean about "splitting the house" or "having the hammer."

3. During your legal career, you will encounter people from all demographic groups. The same can be said about curling. It's a sport that anyone can play, regardless of their age or athletic ability. As a further plug, ladies, where else will you encounter men with mad sweeping skills who can clean out a house? Guys (and I'm not insulting you or anything you may think you are capable of), where else will you hear multiple women screaming "hurry, hurry hard!"?

4. Like the law, curling strategy is constantly evolving on a case by case (or end by end) basis. In law, we apply certain rules to the facts of the situations we deal with. Curling strategy involves applying various principles according to what a team wants to achieve in each end of a game. The specific shots a team will play depend on if they have last rock or not, and if they want to score or force their opponents to take a point. Curling, like law school, is not for dummies, and involves considerable mental gymnastics to outplay an opponent.

Hopefully I've piqued your interest in curling. If so, we need curlers for the law league team next year. If not, at least come out and cheer us on. A beer at the Granite is $3.50. So hurry there…hurry hard.

Law Hockey Pool Returns for the 2007/08 School Year

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He Says/She Says

Bryan Crozier (2L) & Wendy Wang (2L)

I don't want to work a regular summer job at a law firm this year... What are my alternatives?

He Says: First off, congratulations on not falling into the trap of working for a law firm during the summer. You've stayed away from the mature job, and are joining the elite group of slackers like myself that may have no future due to all the keeners taking up the law jobs now! Don't be discouraged though, I have some healthy alternatives!

I like to follow the philosophy of "see a need, fill a need". Some people like to become dog walkers in the summer. Not only do you get exercise, but you also get all the girls after you! What girl can resist a dog? I think there is a better job out there. I would like to call it baby walking. It has all the same perks as dog walking. You get outside, get exercise, and women love babies. I also see one added bonus: nobody is going to tell you to clean up baby poo! So let the diapers stay at home during this walk, and you will have nothing to do but enjoy the weather and solid attention.

If you aren't as adventurous as that, and want to stick to the mainstream, work in a restaurant. Not only is the money really good, you get to work hours that suit your needs, and there are a ton of people around your age working there. This not only introduces you to new people (although law people are pretty fun), the amount of partying during the summer will step up. While all those people who beat us out for summer jobs are securing their future, we will be playing Frisbee in the sun, going to the lake, and living life for the now! Who cares about your future? If you didn't get hired by a law firm for the summer, then they don't care about your future, and you probably shouldn't either! HAVE FUN!

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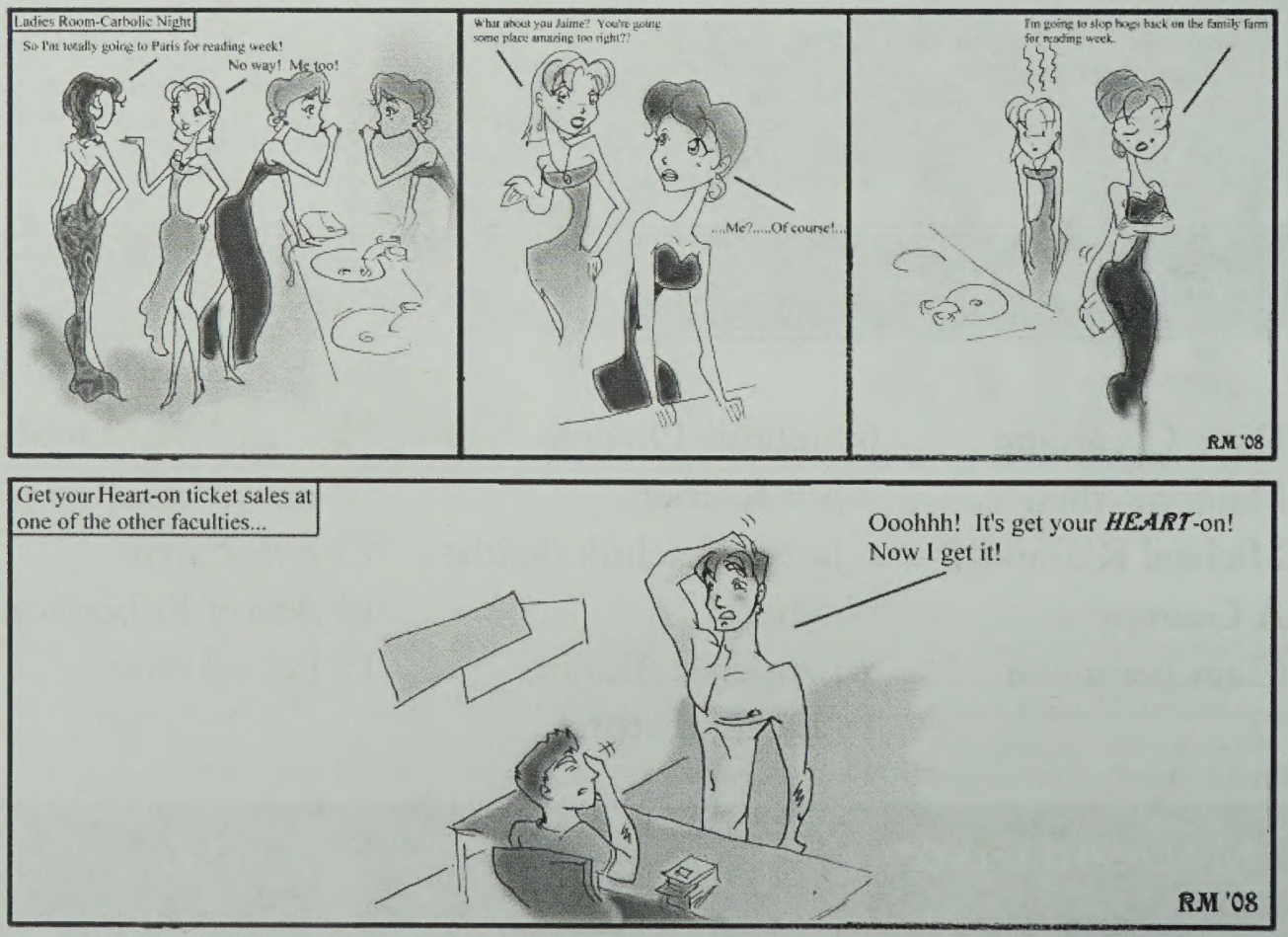
She Says: After spending eight months in the belly of the Law, it is only natural that you would want to get as far the hell away from it as possible. Compared to E-town, even Antarctica seems balmy (and who doesn't want to march with the penguins?). Unfortunately, your everyday landlord/creditors/mafiosos won't let you get away that easily…

For relaxation purposes, it's best that your job pays you at least $20 an hour, but allows you to sit at your desk and play Solitaire all day. These jobs do not exist, unless you have the requisite familial connections or are prepared to do unspeakable things… like move to small-town Alberta (what did you think I was going to say?).

Spending your summer in a non-law office as secretary or paper pusher seems like the best alternative. As long as you can put up with people arguing with their clients over the phone (hey, do you have SLS experience?) and preparing numerous cups of coffee (hey, have you had a final yet?), you should be set. Odds of survival, i.e. staying employed: relatively good, as long as you can remember to keep your Japanese throwing stars handy in case of workplace violence, and resist the urge to jell-ify your colleague's stapler.

The hard truth is, the majority of establishments won't give a mouse's bottom about all that law school stuff cluttering up your résumé – "Law Show" to them probably suggests some sort of burlesque experience, or a display of the finest statutes around. So you'll be hard-pressed to find anything other than entry-level jobs unless you have prior work experience. Having (part of) a law degree won't increase your chances of anything… unless you're gunning for a regular summer job at a law firm this year.


Ladies Room-Carbolic Night
So I'm totally going to Paris for reading week!
No way! Me too!
What about you Jaime? You're going some place amazing too right?!
...Me?.....Of course!...
I'm going to slop hogs back on the family farm for reading week.
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Get your Heart-on ticket sales at one of the other faculties...
Ooohhh! It's get your HEART-on! Now I get it!
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Law Girl: Jessica Flanders (3L)

Probing the Student Body By: Kerry Greer

1) **Ever been on a blind date?** Yep…we went to see the "Amazing Hypnotist, Reveen"…I no longer go on blind dates.

2) **Worst dating experience?** I feel slightly saddened by the fact that I have to say it was not the hypnotist.

3) **What could someone do to absolutely whisk you off your feet?** I'm pretty easy…wait, did I just say that???

4) **What is your best pick-up line?** "Screw me if I'm wrong, but haven't we met before?"

5) **What is your signature 'move'?** Oooohhh, I should get me one of those….

6) **Who is the dreamiest dreamboat hanging around the law building?** This one's easy…Ian Stedman is obviously the dreamiest dreamboat hanging around the law building – sorry ladies, he's already taken…

7) **Who kept you warm during February's cold snap?** Well this sure is turning into a depressing survey…I would have to say the closest "who" to keep me warm was my dog – and she's a she…oh, and a dog!

8) **If you were 'on-sale' at a bachelorette auction, how much do you think you would go for?** $1.65. I figure that some guy's bound to have at least this much change in his pocket…and since it's for charity he figured what the hell?!?

9) **What do you hate the most about couples?** The fact that they seem to be everywhere when you're single. And that the mere sight of them often causes you to throw up in your mouth, just a little.

10) **With all these beautiful people at law school, why are you still single? Please explain.** Oh, I don't know. I suppose it doesn't help that underneath my clothes, my entire body is covered in scales…

11) **Most romantic thing you've ever done?** Guys don't generally stick around long enough for me to have a reason to do something romantic…wow, I'm not sure that could sound any more bitter!

Law Guy: Richard MacLean(2L)

1) **Worst dating experience?** Lovetime69' from eharmony, that definitely wasn't her picture that she sent me.

2) **What could someone do to absolutely whisk you off your feet?** Keep up on the ski hill.

3) **Valentines' Day plans?** I heard there was this thing called Carbolic that I was going to go to, but then I found out that 'Step Up 2' opens on Valentine's Day, so I'm probably going to be lining up all day to get tickets to see that instead.

4) **Do you give gifts on Valentine's Day? Why or why not?** No, I usually run before I have to make any type of commitment like buying gifts.

5) **Who is the dreamiest dreamboat hanging around the law building?** Definitely Mark Bickford, it's just too bad that Peter Li snapped him up so fast.

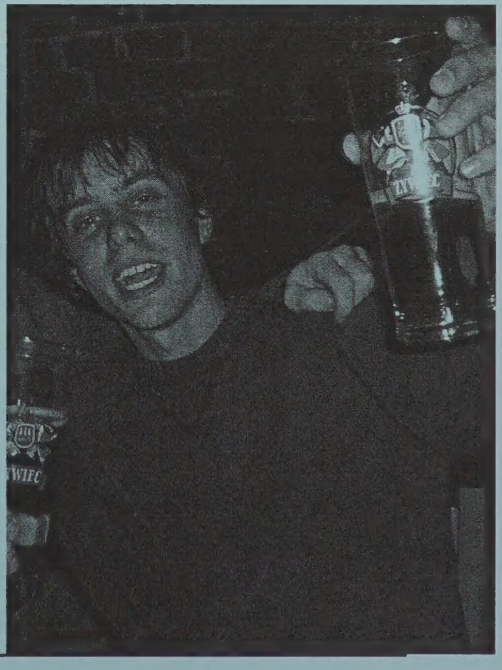
6) **If you were 'on-sale' at a bachelor auction, how much do you think you would go for? Explain why.** I'm on sale everyday but still nobody's made a bid, so I'd have to say nothing.

7) **With all these beautiful people at law school, why are you still single?** Law students all know that "no" can't sometimes mean "yes"… except Ashley Baker … but that's a different story.

8) **If you were locked alone in a room with Britney Spears, what would happen?** It depends, does the room come with a nurse who can test for venereal disease?

9) **Is there such a thing as true love?** I always thought true love had been empirically proven by Shakespeare (that's the only reason that I can come up for reading 'Romeo and Juliet' three years in a row in high school). Just because you both may end up dead because of it shouldn't mean that you become a cynical, cold-hearted bastard with nothing to live for. Don't drink the poison Romeo, it's only a ruse!!!

10) **Most romantic thing you've ever done?** Read 'Romeo and Juliet' three times.



March Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 LAC conference Vin Ordinaire
2 LAC conference on Canadian Mental Health System	3	4 Mary Robinson Speaking	5 LSP Food-bank Visits 5:30 @ couches	6	7 Kawaskimhon Moot Mar 7-9	8 2008 Grad! 5:30 @ the Westin
9	10	11 Questions to ask firms seminar 12-1 @ 231	12 Canadian Foreign Services Careers 12-1 @ 105	13 Opportunities outside Edmonton & Calgary 12-1 @ 105	14 Jeopardy and FABS Dressing on Article Budget 12-2	15 Open House for Admitted Students St. Pat @ Iron Horse
16	17 St. Patricks Day!	18	19 LSA Elections 19 & 20	20 Small Firm Day 12-2 @ 2nd floor Mark Wiseman 12-1 @ 237	21	22
23	24 Easter Monday No School!	25	26	27	28	29 30

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